

Why submit bear teeth?

- It is required by law as a part of the checking process.
- Bear teeth provide age information to better monitor and manage bear populations.
- We need teeth from all bears (young, old, male, female) to accurately model bear populations.

What/How to submit:

- Remove both first premolars from the upper or lower jaw (see pictures).
- These are the very small teeth immediately behind the canines (see pictures).
- Use a screwdriver or knife to push the gum down and away from the tooth.
- Pull the loose tooth out with pliers or pry it out using the canine as a lever.
- **DO NOT BREAK THE TOOTH OFF AT THE GUMLINE; WE NEED THE ENTIRE TOOTH, INCLUDING THE ROOT.**
- Fill out the data on the envelope provided* and place both premolars inside.
- Place small envelope in a larger one, affix label provided when you checked the bear, and mail. DGIF must receive within 14 days of the end of season.
- Removing this tooth (cutting into the gum) does not impact taxidermy work.
- The age of your bear will be available in **August** following hunting season.

Extracted premolar



*Upon checking a bear by phone, internet, or mobile app, an envelope will be mailed to your customer account address. If you need an envelope, please call customer service at 866-721-6911.

